

## Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 OC-06 CCO-00 /022 W

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R 021442Z DEC 76

FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2436

INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, LE

SUBJECT: BEIRUT/DAMASCUS POUCH RUNS

1. RSO, ACCOMPANIED BY ADMIN OFFICER, COMPLETED CLASSIFIED POUCH EXCHANGE AT LEBANESE/SYRIAN BORDER (MASNAA) ON DEC 1 WITHOUT INCIDENT.
2. CONVOY CONSISTING OF TWO VEHICLES DEPARTED CHANCERY AT 0630 (BEIRUT TIME) AND PROCEEDED VIA BEIRUT/DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY TO MASNAA. ALTHOUGH NO SNOW WAS ENCOUNTERED, ICE WAS FOUND BEYOND SOFAR AND IN MANY AREAS ALONG THE DESCENT INTO THE BEQAA. ON THE RETURN TRIP THE ICE HAD MELTED WITH WATER REMAINING ON ROAD. AS WINTER PROGRESSES, ROAD CONDITIONS BOUND TO DETERIORATE AND MAKE ANY POUCH/PERSONNEL EXCHANGE CONVOYS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS. POST THEREFORE PROPOSES THAT THE REOPENED BEIRUT AIRPORT NOW BE USED FOR ALL PERSONNEL EXCHANGES/TRANSFERS (SEPTTEL).
3. TO THE EXTENT THAT WEATHER CONDITIONS PERMIT, WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE OVERLAND ROUTE FOR CLASSIFIED POUCH EXCHANGES UNTIL MEA RESUMES OPERATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM FRANKFURT AND/OR SECURITY CONDITIONS PERMIT COURIER TRIPS TO BEIRUT.
4. DURING EXCHANGE, ADMIN OFFICER MET WITH DAMASCUS ADMIN OFFICER ROBERT AND NEA/EX MUNRO JONES TO DISCUSS

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SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

5. AFTER POUCH EXCHANGE AND CONSULTATIONS WERE  
CONCLUDED, CONVOY DEPARTED MASNAA AT 0910 (BEIRUT TIME)  
AND RETURNED TO CHANCERY AT 1015 WITHOUT INCIDENT.  
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